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and the survivors of the USS Indianapolis.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Jimmy O'Donnell and the survivors of the USS Indianapolis.

*Whereas, Jimmy O'Donnell's likeness stands as a reminder that freedom is not free;*

*Whereas, On December 7, 2009, a black granite statue was erected to honor Jimmy and the survivors of the USS Indianapolis;*

*Whereas, Jimmy O'Donnell, one of the 317 sailors who survived the sinking of the USS Indianapolis and the only surviving resident from Indianapolis, was serving on the ship when a Japanese torpedo sent it to the bottom of the Philippine Sea on July 30, 1945;*

*Whereas, Nearly 900 men died in the attack or in the shark-infested waters in the four days and five nights before the survivors were rescued;*

*Whereas, The USS Indianapolis was commissioned at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard on November 15, 1932;*

*Whereas, On July 30, 1945, while sailing from Guam to Leyte Gulf, the USS Indianapolis was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine while returning from the ship's assignment to deliver components for the world's second and third atomic bombs to the island of Tinian;*

*Whereas, The sinking of the USS Indianapolis remains the*



*worst U.S. naval disaster in history and the worst loss of life  
from shark attack in naval history; and*

*Whereas, Keeping the memory of the USS Indianapolis and  
her valiant crew alive is of the utmost importance: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives  
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,  
the Senate concurring:*

- 1       SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly acknowledges the
- 2       great sacrifice Jimmy O'Donnell and the rest of the crew of the USS
- 3       Indianapolis made for their country and the hours of pain and suffering
- 4       they endured. Jimmy O'Donnell is a man among men who deserves to
- 5       be remember by future generations of Hoosiers.
- 6       SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 7       Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Jimmy O'Donnell.

